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# THE REHEARSAL.

1. Juſt to hear *Both* ſides.
2. The faulty *Moderation* of the *Rehearſal.*
3. He *Fights* only upon the *Defenſive.*
4. To *Reſcue* the *Oppreſſed.*
5. The Naked *Fact* of the *Story* at *Oakhampton.*
6. The *Proſecution* of it will be Worth *Notice.*

WEDNESDAY, *October* 30. 1706.

(1.) *Country-man.* IN Your laſt, *Maſter*, you gave Us the *Story* of *Oakhampton* as it is told in the *Review.* Now it is your turn to let us know how it is told by the other ſide. For it is but Fair that each ſhou'd have Liberty to ſpeak for themſelves. And we ought not to give Judgment till we have heard *Both* Parties.

(2.) *Rehearſal.* I will begin with my *Moderation*, as the *Review* does with his. He *Values* himſelf upon his *Moderation*, becauſe he did not tell this *Story* Sooner. Tho' if he had never ſpoke a word of it, I know no *Injury* it wou'd have been to any Body: Unleſs to the *Whiggs*, to loſe an *Advantage* they thought they had, to *Expoſe* and *Blacken* the *Church* and *Clergy.*

But, *Country-Man*, I have had the following *Account* lying by me theſe ſeveral *Months* paſt. And I will not call it *Moderation* in me, that I have not *Publiſh'd* it *Sooner*, but really a *Neglect* of *Juſtice*, in ſuffering the *Injur'd* to lie ſo long under the *Load* of an Unjuſt *Accuſation*, when the *Materials* were put into my hands to have *Vindicated* them. And likewiſe to have gain'd a Conſiderable *Advantage* over the *Whiggs*, by ſhewing their *Art* and *Malice* in Dreſſing up *Lies* and *Calumnies* againſt the *Church*, with all the *Appearance* of *Truth*; when *Themſelves* muſt know, That ther was not a Word of *Truth* in all the Artfull *Turns* they gave to *Blind* and *Diſguiſe* that *Story* to Look the Quite *Contrary* to what it Really was.

(3.) However my making no *Haſt* in this matter, ſhews, That I am not ſo violently *Bent* to *Vindicate* the *Church* and *Clergy*, as others are to raiſe *Scandals* upon them. And that I manage this *War* wholly upon the *Defenſive.* And that I have forborn to make *Reprizals* upon the *Whiggs* and *Diſſenters*, in the ſame *Method* of *Scandal*, when it was, as it ſtill is, fully in my Power. But I have always declar'd my *Abhorrence* of this *manner of Proceeding*, from *Perſonal* Reflections, to draw, *Arguments*, or Caſt an *Odium* upon any *Church* or *Party.* For it is their *Principles* we ought to *Expoſe*, not their *Perſonal* Failings, to which we our ſelves are *Subject*; And ſhou'd rather *Fear* at the *Failings* of another, leaſt we ſhou'd *Fall* our ſelves, who ſtand not upon our own *Strength.*

(4.) But all *Charity* will allow to do *Juſtice* to the *Oppreſſed.* And he is ſeverely *Oppreſſed*, who is unjuſtly *Atack'd* in his *Good Name* and *Reputation.* And is *Oblig'd* to *Vindicate* himſelf, eſpecially where *others*, where the *Church* eſpecially is *Wounded* through his ſides. And where the only End of *Aſperſing* him, is, to *Blacken* and throw *Dirt* upon the *Church.*

Which being the preſent Caſe, I will now give you the *Account* I have, from Good Hands, of the Affair at *Oakhampton*, which has been Render'd ſo very *Scandalous* to the *Church* and *Clergy.* And thus it is.

(5) " Upon *May* the 23, 1705, which " was the Day of a *Fair* at *Oakhampton* in " *Devon.* One Captain *C*— (whoſe Father " Sr. *G. C.* hath ſome Eſtate and Intereſt, " tho' not his Reſidence near that Place) " came thither to Raiſe Men, and for that " Purpoſe apply'd himſelf to Mr. *Ch. Yendal* " then *Mayor*, to know if there were any " in that Town liable to be ſent into the " Service by the *Act* of *Parliament.* The " *Mayor* told him there were ſeveral, and

" Readily

" Readily nam'd to him one *Quint* in par-
" ticular, whom, at the Captains Requeſt,
" he preſently got apprended by the Con-
" ſtables. And while he was Conſulting
" with Mr. *Northmore* the *Town-Clerk* (who
" alſo is a *Juſtice*) of the *Corporation*, about
" ſending him away, one Mr. *Ell—t*, an-
" other *Juſtice*, came Rudely into the Room,
" and demanded what they were doing of,
" and preſently taking the Fellow by the
" Shoulders, turn'd him out of the Room,
" and ſaid, *there ſhou'd no Fellows be Preſs'd*
" *here*, or words to that Effect.

" What Reſentment the Captain then
" ſhew'd for this Rudeneſs, I know not.
" This happen'd before Dinner, and ſome
" time that Afternoon (towards the Even-
" ing) Mr. *Roberts* (one of the *Clergy-Men*
" Mention'd in the *Review*,) met Captain
" *C—*. in the Street, and he being his *Pa-*
" *ron's* Son, thought it Proper to pay his
" Reſpects to him, the Captain was ſo kind
" as to ask him to go and take a Glaſs
" of Wine with him, which Mr. *Roberts* ac-
" cepted of; and whilſt he and the Cap-
" tain were together, Mr. *Huſſy* (the other
" *Clergy-Man* Mention'd in the *Review*)
" and one or two Gentleman more, came
" to Inqure for Mr *Roberts*, who went out
" to them, and on his Return the Cap-
" tain as'd, if they were his Friends that
" came to ſpeak with him? And being
" Anſwer'd that they were, Captain
" *C—* very Civilly ask'd him if he wou'd
" not deſire them to Walk in, which they
" did accordingly. And whilſt they were
" there, the Captain began to Complain
" of the Uncivill Treatment he had met
" with that Morning from one of the *Ju-*
" *ſtices* of the Town, about Impreſſing a
" Fellow into the Service Mr. *Ell—t* (the
" Juſtice of whom the Captain Complain'd)
" being a Relation of Mr. *Huſſy's*, he pre-
" ſently Propoſes to go to him, not doubt-
" ing but that he wou'd either give the
" Captain a Reaſon for what he had done,
" or ask his Pardon. Mr. *Ell—t* according-
" ly came to Captain *C—* with Mr. *Huſſy*,
" and there, before the Company, ask'd
" the Captain Pardon for what he had
" done, Declaring that his only Reaſon for
" it was, leſt the Noiſe of *Impreſſing* men
" into the Service ſhou'd have Allarm'd the
" Country Fellows, and ſpoil'd the *Fair*,
" Adding withall that *Quint* was a very
" fit Fellow for her Majeſty's Service, and
" that himſelf was now ready to Joyn with
" the *Mayor* in ſending him away, and
" Readily, on the Captains requeſt, did ac-
" cordingly Join with the *Mayor* (who was
" by that time alſo ſent for) in ordering
" the Conſtables afreſh to Apprehend him,
" which was done. But while the Cap-
" tain was ſending for Mr. *Northmore* (the
" third Juſtice) one *Thomas Squire*) the
" principal Tool in the following Proſe-
" cution of thoſe Gentlemen came in, and
" Profer'd to Swear that that *Quint* was his
" *Covenant Servant*; immediatly after which
" one *Coombe* (an *Affidavit-Man* alſo in the
" Proſecution) came in, like *Sapphira*, not
" knowing what was done, and *Swore* that
" *Quint* was his *Covenant Servant*; to which
" the *Mayor* replied, *Tee Lee Boathe aw yee*,
" adding withall, that he was Satisfied the
" Fellow was not *Covenanted* with any Bo-
" dy, but a Looſe Fellow and fit to be ſent
" into the Service; to which alſo Mr. *Ell—t*
" agreed. But ſoon after (for reaſons beſt
" known to himſelf) withdrew and refuſed
" to return when the Captain ſent for him;
" at which Captain *C—* inraged to be thus
" twice trickt in ſuch a manner by *Ell—t*
" (and that too, when he had before begg'd
" his pardon for his firſt Rudeneſs, and he
" declar'd that the Fellow was *Liable* by
" the *Act* to he ſent away) draws out of
" his Pocket a Warrant from the *Drum-*
" *Major* of *England*, Impowering him to im-
" preſs Fellows for *Drums, Feifes, and Haut-*
" *boys*; which he read to the Company, and
" then declar'd, *by vertue of this Warrant*
" *I do Impreſs this Fellow for her Majeſties*
" *Service, which I deſire you Gentlemen here*
" *to take Notice of*; withall giving the Fel-
" low a Shilling, and then *tore out of his*
" *Pocket-Book a piece of paper*, in which he
" there *before the Company* wrote theſe
" Words,

" Theſe are to certifie all whom it may
" concern, that I *T— C—* Captain in the
" Honourable Collonel *W—B—s* Regiment
" of Foot, have fairly preſt *Robt. Quint*
" before the *Mayor* of *Oakhampton* and others,
" as Witneſs their hands this day of
*May*, 1705.

" [ Note, the Fellows Name was
" *William Quint*, but ſome one (probably
" to put a Trick upon the Captain) told
" him the wrong name of *Robert*. ]

" This Paper the *Mayor* accordingly Wit-
" neſſed, as did alſo ſeveral other Gentle-
" men beſides (to the number of *Eight* in
" all) who happen'd to ſtand near the Ta-
" ble while the Captain was writing, and
" were ſo far from Imagining that the Fel-
" low was to be ſent away by any Autho-
" rity of theirs, that they never Concern'd
" themſelves all the time of the Examina-
" tion in the Matter, and ſet their hands
" to it only as they wou'd have done to
" Witneſs any Common *Bill* or *Bond*.

(6.) Thus my *Account*. Giving the plain *Fact* of the *Story*. But ther is more in it, concerning the *Manner* of the *Proſecution*, which I muſt Refer to the next; and will make this *Story* of *Oakhampton* fit to be *Recorded*, and never to be Forgot by any True *Engliſh* man, as giving the *Picture* of *Whiggiſm*, beyond even *Tom. Double*.

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